



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEM

Subject: Gillespie Center Funding Request

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Issue: The City Council recently received a presentation and engaged in a discussion with the Executive Director of the Gillespie Center, Rhonda Nelson. During that discussion, there was direction given to Ms. Nelson to develop a funding request for specific items related to the senior services the Gillespie Center provides and then submit that request to City Council for evaluation.

Overview: Below is the request received from the Gillespie Center.

City of Minnetrista - Funding Request

PROGRAMMING	TYPE	FREQUENCY	ANNUAL COST
Speakers	Social Well Being Programs	Quarterly	\$ 600
Mental Health	Health & Educational Workshops	Quarterly	\$ 400
Medical Health (e.g.; Dementia, Diabetes, Heart Disease)	Health & Educational Workshops	Monthly	\$ 400
Tai Chi, Strength & Conditioning, Balance Yoga	Fitness & Wellness Programs	Weekly	\$ 700
Wednesday Meal Program *	Nutrition, Mental & Social Well Being	Weekly	\$ 8,797
Coffee Program*	Social Well Being Programs	Daily	\$ 1,363
TOTAL			\$ 10,160

*Based on 2025 Jan-June actuals, includes 2.58% inflation, based on the 2025 CPI

Recommended City Council Action: Staff would like direction from City Council on how to proceed with this funding request from the Gillespie Center. Options include to include in the 2026 budget, include it in the 2025 budget with a reduction in budget for a previously approved item, or to deny the request.

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.